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Colonel (P) John W. Brennan Jr. serves as the Deputy Commanding General-Operations, 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault). He graduated from North Carolina State University in 1990 and was commissioned a 2LT in the Signal Corps. His initial assignment was to the 7th Infantry Division (Light) in Fort Ord, California where he served as a Platoon Leader, until his company was reflagged under the 1st Cavalry Division and relocated to Fort Hood, Texas, where he continued to serve as a Platoon Leader and Company Executive Officer.

In September 1994, Colonel Brennan attended the Special Forces Qualification Course, with subsequent assignment to the 3rd Special Forces Group (Airborne) from 1995 to 1999. While assigned to the 3rd SFG (Airborne), he commanded ODAs 324 and 325, and served as the 1st Battalion Assistant Operations Officer. Following that assignment, he served as a Troop Commander and Squadron Operations Officer in a USASOC Special Mission Unit from 2000 to 2004. He then attended the Air Command and Staff College, earning a Master of Science degree in Military Science and National Security Strategy, and upon graduation was assigned as the Deputy Chief of Current Operations, Joint Special Operations Command in 2005.

Colonel (P) Brennan returned to the Special Mission Unit and served as a squadron commander from 2007 to 2010. Upon completion of squadron command, he was assigned to Headquarters, U.S. Army Special Operations Command and served as the Commanding General's Executive Officer. He completed an Army War College Fellowship at the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill in 2012 and then deployed to serve as the Deputy Commander of the Combined Joint Special Operations Task Force – Afghanistan from June 2012 to February 2013. Colonel (P) Brennan served as the Commander of 5th Special Forces Group (Airborne) from 2013 to 2015 and as the Commander, Combined Joint Special Operations Task Force – Syria from September 2014 until July 2015. Colonel (P) Brennan most recently served as the Chief of Staff, and Deputy Commanding Officer, Special Operations Command Central from July 2015-April 2017.

Colonel (P) Brennan has deployed and commanded units in combat at every echelon between detachment and group-level in support of Operations ENDURING FREEDOM, IRAQI FREEDOM, and INHERENT RESOLVE. His awards and decorations include: the Defense Superior Service Medal, the Legion of Merit (1 OLC), the Bronze Star for Valor (1 OLC), Bronze Star Medal (1 Silver Oak Leaf Cluster), the Defense Meritorious Service Medal (2 OLC), the Meritorious Service Medal (1 OLC), the Joint Service Commendation Medal, the Army Commendation Medal, the Army Achievement Medal, the Combat Infantryman's Badge, Special Forces Tab, Ranger Tab, Master Parachutist Badge, the Air Assault Badge, Military Free Fall Parachutist Badge, and Combat Diver's Badge.